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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s):	Walke <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit:	1653
Application No.:	10/020,095	Examiner:	H. Schnizer
Filed:	12/14/2001	Atty. Docket No.:	LEX-0282-USA
Title: Novel Human Alpha Macroglobulin Family Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same			

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**AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED JANUARY 28, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on January 28, 2004, which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in the Action in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including May 28, 2004, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.